THURSDAY EVENING, JULY 5, 1900

THE SOUTH-HATING republicans manifested their presence in Kansas City yesterday by scattering a handbill throughout that city, denouncing "a pharisaical and spurious aristocracy in the Southern States for its love of the carcass of human slavery," and declar- obstruct the proceedings. ing that no Southern white preacher would baptize "a nezro to save his soul," and that it is more dangerous to teach a negro in the Southern States than to attempt such a thing in Darkest Africa, It also says that the Declaration defeated of Independence declares that all men are born "free and equal." Jefferson was an intelligent man and owned slaves, and therefore never thought, let alone wrote, that all men were born "free," But people who write such handbills as the one referred to, don't hesitate to falsify even the Declaration of Independence.

No MATIER what the platform, or who the Vice Presidential nomines of the Kansas City convention, may be, the fact that Mr. Bryan will be its Presidential candidate, is all that good and true democrats, and every other man, who is opposed to plutocratic imperialism, needs to induce him to support the ticket nominated and the platform adopted by that convention. With Mr. Bryan in the White House, to veto all further trusts and allied schemes for robbing the many poor in order to profit the few rich, and their paid agents, the real well wishes of the country will be satis-

A DISPATCH from Kansas City to a personnel of the democratic convention with that of the late republican convention in Philadelphia, to the disparagement of the former, says the latter looked like an assemblage of "wellgroomed bank presidents." Yes, and that is the very reason, as the newspaper referred to would know, if it were not so blinded by the money of those in whose interests it is now engaged, why the great majority of the people of the country, if unbought, will support the action of the former.

THE Canadians now refuse to allow the seven thousand Russian peasants who have settled in Manitoba to exyet Canada has sent several regiments to South Africa to fight the people of the republics of that country, because they refused to permit English gold seekers there to exercise that same privilege, and thereby to outvote them and take possession of those republics.

MANY OF Senstor Daniel's wiser friends in Virginia regret that at the national democratic convention he trains with the men who either opposed, or were luke warm supporters of, his party four years ago, and who now are attempting to dictate its policy. Such men should be glad they are permitted to sit in a democratic convention. It is presumptuous for them to try to control its action.

That the national democratic convention is solely intent upon avoiding all trouble, and doing all it can to reconoils differences in its party, is proved by its determination to admit the delegates of both factions of the party in the District of Columbia, and dividing the vote between them. A similar spirit should pervade the party everywhere.

ALL ACCOUNTS from Cuba are to the effect that the war there is over, and the people quiet and peaceful; and all those from the Philippines, that are given out by the War Department, are of the same purport. If they be true, then why in the name of a tax-ridden people are such large armies maintained in both Cuba and Luzon?

IF IT BE true, as reported, that the Empress of China, whose subjects are now in revolt against her, says the foreigners brought on their own troubles by their needless attack upon her insurgents, she only says what every unprejudiced and intelligent man recognizes as a fact. The beathen as well as infants speak the truth.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette, Washington, July 5. The following dispatch from Rear Admiral Kempff from Taku via Chefoo. July 4, was posted at the Navy Department this morning:"Captain Myers, of the Oregon, commands force at Pekin. Captain Hall, Dr. Lippitt also Captain John T. Myers, U. S. M. Corps, who is this morning reported Kempff as in command of the legation guard at Pekin was born in Germany and appointed from Georgia September 27, 1887. Captain Newet H. Hall was born in Texas and appointed from that State September 7, 1891. Dr. Thos. M. Lippitt came from Virginia and was appointed from that State June 27, 1898 Officials of the Navy Department have given up all hope for these officers and the men they commanded, believing the press dispa true which state that foreigners in Pekin have been slaughtered to the last man, days in Cuba of yellow fever is General woman and child. There is hesitation about the advance on Pekin. It is dated July 2.

argued that if all foreigners have been slaughtered there is little necessity of immediate action which naturally includes considerable risk with from 50,according to press dispatches. The | tion. foreign nations feel under the circumstances it would be well to await the arrival of large reinforcements. The occupation of Pekin now means merely an advantageous moral effect tending to overawe the Boxers and the revolt-

ng troops.

A member of the republican commitee of the 8th congressional district of Virginia, here today, says that commitee has been ordered to meet in Alexandria on the 13th inst., to determine the time and place for holding the convention in that district to nominate a candidate for Congress.

Private dispatches from Kansas City, received here today, state that the prolonged and repeated applause given to ex-Senator Hill in the convention yesterday, was the work of Mr. Hanna, who had arranged to have a large number of Hill touters scattered through the convention hall today and

The news that the committee on the platform of the national democratic onvention had edopted the 16 to resolution, by a vote of 26 to 24 was received by the democrats here with satisfaction, for the reason, as they said, that if it had been the gold men would not have voted for Bryan any way, but the main body of the party would have lost confidence in their leaders, and both the populists and silver republicans been driven away from him.

It is said that Secretary Hay may re cede from his position opposing the dis-memberment of China. A report has empire and either form a new nation with Li Hung Chang as its sovereign or that they will become independent States, each with its own ruler.

There was a consultation today b ween Secretaries Hay and Root on the atest developments in the Chinese situation. They regard matters there as more threatening than at any tim since hostilities began. After the conference Secretary Root went to the White House and had a long talk with President McKinley at Canton over the telephone. As a result more active measures will be adopt ed to get troops to China. Rush orders were sent from the War Depart ment this afternoon instructing the 15th Regiment now at Platsburg barracks, New York, to hurry to San Fran-cisco in time to sail for Nagasaki

n the transport Sherman. Upon their arri.al at Nagasaki the 15th will receive orders to proceed to China if the situation here is not improved. The train crew finally overpowered republican newspaper, comparing the The Secretary of War this afternoon sent cablegram to General Wood at Havana in structing him to prepare for the immediat withdrawal of the 2nd, 5th and 8th Infantry The Secretary also ordered the withdrawal a speedily as possible from Porto Rico of squadron of the 5th Cavalry and a battalion of the 11th Infantry. These troops will be ught to this country and distributed at the

The eagle screamed, "the flag" waved and the Indians whooped here yesterday, and the aldest inhabitants were orsted on the subjects of government depending upon the con sent of the governed, and no taxation with out representation; but no reference was made to the liberty of the Forto Eicans, Cubans and Finipines.

The stock market here today was about a stock two

it was last Saturday, and whoat started two cents higher, but fell off a cent and a balf. A prominent Indians democrat here today. who was assistant commissioner of pensions during Mr 'leveland's administration, and voted for McKinley in 1896, says the politiise the privilege of suffrage. And cal feeling in the West has undergone s comana as safely democratic as Virginis. He also says he stopped in Chicago on his way here and was informed there that the demohere and was informed there that the demorize had strong hopes of carrying that State
a so, and said if they could get forty thousand majority in Chicago, as every indication
now promises, they would be sure to do so.
The Chinese minister here is completely
mystified by the newspaper and government
cews now received from his country,
and does not believe much of it. He is such
an intelligent man and such a conservative
and wise diplomatist that he has won the respect of all right-thinking Americans, all of

spect of all right-thinking Americans, all of whom sympathize with him in the unfortunate position in which circumstances have placed him.

The President sent the following message

to the Emperor of Germany this morning The confirmation of the murder of you majesty's minister in Pekin lads me to tender to your majorty and to the family of Baron von Ketteler my sorrowful condolence and those of the American people."

FEARFUL ACCIDENTS. A black cartridge fired at close range by a small colored boy into a large col lection of fireworks of a highly explosiv character in Philadelphia yesterday cost the lives of four children the probable death of three others, and severe burns and lacerations to twenty other persons, only two of whom were adults. The explosion occurred in front of the bake shop of Antonio Mammarello, on Eighth street, in the most thickly populated section of the Italian quarter. The fireworks were on a stand on the pavement, and consisted largely of giant fire crackers, torpedoes, rockets and chasers.

Nearly a hundred people, passengers on a trolley car bound for Tacoma, Wash., were plunged down a gulch at [Wenty-sixth and C street that city vesterday morning. The car jumped he track and was smashed to kindling wood in the bottom of the chasm over hundred feet below. The dead will umber nearly three-score, for there are nany of the injured who will not recov er, and there are at least sixty injured n the various hospitals and under the care of their own physicians.

Six prominent railway men were in stantly killed and between twenty-five and thirty-five persons were terribly injured by the explosion of several gaso ine tank cars in the yards of the Ohio River railroad at Parkersburg, W. Va. yesterday. A yard engine was passing down with a train, running at a good rate of speed, to the lower end of the yard Og nearing the shops a switch was discovered open. Before the train could be stopped the engine struck a train of gasoline tanks. Several officials of the road happened to be there, and, as is usual in an accident of the kind they fired a cannon shot at the remain ng tanks of oil, in order to let the fluid out. Instantly after the shot had hit the tank it exploded, Everywhere were to be seen chunks of human flesh. Dead bodies were scattered here and there; injured were lying all over the

surrounding territory.

Three men were killed and one man had a leg broken in a wreck on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad at Durkin's cut, near Henryville, Pa., yesterday. The accident is believ ed to be due to a broken wheel on an eastbound freight, which threw two cars near the center of the train from

the track. Wood's news in his latest casualty list, NEWS OF THE DAY

Lord Roberts has reported from Pretoria that General Hunter entered 000 to 200,000 Chinese blocking the way, Frankfort, Transvasl, without opposi-Rear Admiral Barker has been select

ed to succeed the late Admiral Philip as commandant of the New York navy William Waldorf Astor has set Londen talking by publicly snubbing Cap-tain Sir Berkeley Milne, of the Royal

Navy. A German volunteer force is being raised for service in the far East. It

The people of Wrightsville, Pa., yesterday celebrated the audiversary of the checkin; of the Confederate advance on Philadelphia.

It is stated at the Navy Department that there is little likelihood that Admiral Dewey will be sent to command the naval forces in the event of serious trouble in China.

Because her mother refused to allow her to attend a dance Jennie Hooper, aged sixteen years, of Balti-more, committed suicide yesterday by drinking a liniment containing witch hazel, arnica and laudanum.

Those tugboat captains who inhumanly refused to aid the drowning men in the river, and the men and women on the burning ships at Hoboken on Saturday because they had not money in their hands wherewith to pay for their rescue will be arrested on charges of murder.

The Lafayette monument, the gift of the school children of the United States to France, was unveiled in Paris yesterbeen received that the southern pro-vinces are likely to withdraw from the to the occasion, President Loubet accepting it on the part of France, Speeches were made by Ambassador Porter, Archbishop Ireland, Commis-sioner Peck and Mrs. Daniel Manning.

Dr. George C. Worthington was depied ball by Coief Judge I. Thos. Jones at Ellicott City, Md., on Tuesday, where he was taken on a writ o' habeas corpus, and was remanded back to the Baltimore jail. Dr. Worthington was recently convicted on the charge of performing a criminal operation, and business.
was denied bail by Judge Dennis pend-

ing an appeal to the Court of Appeals. While taking his train across a bridge on the High Bridge branch of the Central Railroad of New Jersey on Tuesday, Engineer James Stutts went stark mad and attempted to murder his fireman with an iron bar. The conductor passed over the tender to the cab of the engine and narrowly escaped a victhe crazy man and the fireman completed the run. Stutts was taken to nis home at Bayonne, where he wa found to be in a serious condition.

The corner-stone of the pedestal for the monument to be erected at the corner of Iudiana avenue and Third street porthwest Washington, to the memory of Ge . Aibert Pike, was laid yesterday with simple ceremonies conducted by members of the Ancient and Accepted Order of Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, of which Gen. Pike was a member. The site for the statue, which is the work of Trentanove, the sculptor, was granted by the government to the members of the Scottish Rite. The monument will be in place within the next month or six weeks, but it will not be unveiled until next May.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

A. B. Overstreet, deputy collector of Bedford county, is short in his accounts \$2,100 and missing. It is not known where he has gone.

The bodies of the eight remaining colored men drowned in a collision in Norfolk harbor Saturday night have been recovered. In all 19 were drown

Lieut, William Courchman Geigers, whose death in the Philippines is announced, was a Staunton man, having been born just outside the city 25 years

The Second Baptist Church at Newport News was almost destroyed by fire yesterday. The general opinion seem to be that the fire was caused by firing crackers or fireworks of some kind.

The democrate of the Fifth district met yesterday at Rocky Mount, Franklin county, and renominated Claude A. Swanson for Congress by acciamation The Chicago platform was reaffirmed

The whitecaps have created considerable excitement in New Kent county Two young white men were served with notice that if they did not quit courting certain young ladies they would be punished.

Tuesday was alumni day at the Vir ginia Military Institute finals, and many were the "old cadets" who met in annupointed State cadets from the district of the State.

Mr. Arthur Wesley Mathers and Miss Grace C. Magaha, both of Leesburg, were married at the parsonage of the Presbyterian Church at Frederick, Md., on Tuesday by Rev. Thomas Freeman Dixon.

Great excitement occurred at Louiss on Tuesday over the criminal assault by a negro on a young married woman who was approached and overcome by the nego while out picking berries. Ho has not been captured.

The City Council of Fredericksburg have elected H. G. Willis as Mayor for the term ending June 30, 1902. Mr Willis was a short time ago elected to O'Bannon, of Rappahannock, a close fill out the unexpired term of the late

Mayor Rowe to July 1, 1900. Mrs. Margaret J. Alexander died at Fredericksburg on Tuesday in the seventy-pinth year of her age. The deceased was the widow of Robert H. Alexander and quite a noted woman. She nursed General Stonewall Jackson after he was shot at Chancellorsville.

It is reported that the Xaverian Bros, who conduct the Old Point Comfort College, are after a site in Newport News on which to build a \$25,000 college. It is understood that there are only a few minor considerations to be taken up before the plan is consummat-

Mrs. William Kuhn, of Philadelphia, who was seriously injured on April 24 by being thrown from a window at her home by her busband, was taken to the Retreat for the Sick in Richmond on Tuesday for treatment. It is said that Mr. Kubn was jealous of his wife, and after a quarrel he, in a f of anger, pushed his wife out of the window, and realizing what he had done, cut his own throat. He was removed to a hos-

Amid scenes of tumultuous enthusiasm befitting such an event and such a day the democratic national convention began its sessions in the new corvention ball at Kansas City at noon yesterday, but nothing beyond the actual work of organization was accomplished, notwithstanding that the convention was in session until 10:34 at night.

It was an inspiring scene upon which Chairman Jones lo ked when at noon, after beating a cattoo with his gavel, he stilled the tumult and declared the will have the strength of a brigade of convention open. About him were fully 25,000 persons, rising tier on tier like the spectators in some vast coli-Atmost on the tap of the noon-bell, Mr. Jones bade the convention come

to order. During the prayer a visiting band, so far off in the galleries as not to know what was going on, broke in with a lively air. The chaplain went right on and so did the band. Finally he band surrendered.

The address of welcome of the democratic Mayor of Kansas City was couched in regulation Fourth of July

Three sessions were held-from noon to 2:30 p. m., from 4:43 to 4:51 p. m., and from 8:33 to 10:34 p. m. At the last named hour an adjournment was taken until 10.30 o'clock this morning, which is equivalent to 11:30 according to Alexandria time.

The opening session was devoted chiefly to the selection of Gov. Charles 3. Thomas, of Colorado, as temporary chairman, a speech by Governor Thomas, the reading of the Declaration of Independence and the appointment of committees. The second session transacted no important business, as the committees were not ready to report. At the night session all the committees reported except that on resolutions, which was still debating the platform. Congressman James D. Richardson, of Fennessee, was selected as permanent chairman and made a speech. Ex-Gov. John P. Altgeld, of Illinois, also spoke. As the committee on resolutions was not ready to report, the convention accomplished little of actual business.

meeting and debated the platform in lively style. Three drafts of the platform were presented. One of these was from R. L. Metcall, of Nebraska, and was accepted as Mr. Bryan's expression upon this question. It contained a spec fic plank declaring for the free inage of silver at 16 to 1. Other provisions in this platform were aimed at rusts, the protective tariff and the imperialistic policy of the McKinley ad-ministration. Liberty and home government were promised to the Filipinos and sympathy was expressed for the

The two other platform drafts were ubmitted by ex-Judge Augustus Van Wyck, of New York, and L. F. Garrard, of Georgis, respectively. They did not differ materially from the Bryan platform, except that they contained merely a reaffirmation of the Chicago platform without specific mention of 16

The committee soon plunged into a iebate. Senator John W. Daniel, of Virginia, and W. D. Daly, of New Jersto the gold st sey, spoke against a 16 to 1 plank. J. tive tariff bed R. Fuzgerald, of Colorado, and George of all trusts. Fred Williams, of Massachusetts, spoke or 16 to 1. There were several other peakers.

The convention was marked by scenes of extraordinary enthusiaem. There were two notable demonstrations. One, an evation to ex-Senator David B. Hill, of New York, lasted 20 minutes in the afternoon. The other came at night, when Permanent Chairman Richardson mentioned Hop, William J. Bryan's name. It lasted 30 minutes.

The tendency last night was toward Adlai E. Stevenson, of Illinois, for the democratic nomination for Vice President. Ex-Senator Hill could get the nomination, it is believed, if he would accept, but he says firmly that he will not do so. The booms of Caarles A. Towns and William Sulzer seem to be declining.

Delegates from some of the strongest lemocratic States have from the beginning expressed not only a willingness but a desire to modify the silver plank fonly Mr. Bryan would give his con-Maryland, Virginia, Georgia and Alabama are among these. Great states in the central northwest speak brough their delegates to the same effect. Senator Daniel, of Virginia, Governor McMillin, of Tennessee, and ther leaders are said to fear that disaster will overtake the party if theexreme silver men have their way.

The committee on credentials made quick work with the contests. The only hearing given was to the District of Columbia, and the committee decided to admit both delegations with half a vote each.

The greatest interest centered on the Montana case. As soon as it was call ed a motion was made to ratify the action of the national committee and seat the Clark delegation. A substitute to give each side a hearing was defeated by a vote of 33 to 13, and the Clark delegation was seated without division

The Virginia delegation made these selections: Honorary vice president. B. F. Buchanan, of Smyth; honorary secretary, Joseph Button; chairman, Judge C. M. Wnite; credentials, H. G. Buchanan; permanent organization, Judge J. F. West; rules, E. E. Montegue; resolutions, Senator J. W. Daniel member national committee, Peter J. Otey; notification of president, P. H. kinsman of Mr. Bryan; notification of vice president, Pannill Rucker, of Henry. C. M. Cuvillier, of Alexandria, and Captain J. A. McIntyre were designated as alternates from the Eighth district in the absence of the regular alternates. Mr. Bryan, Tuesday, in a conversa-tion at his home in Lincoln, Neb., with Mr. Blair Lee, of the Maryland delegation, explained why he insists upon a 16-to-1 plank in the platform. He says such a plank is necessary in order that he may be consistent, and he also took a recess until that hour. believes it will be good politics, for he believes that a failure to make a specific declaration would cause a revolt among western democrats, besides a

loss of populist votes.

The New York State delegation fur nished on Tuesday a sensation when, after a stormy session of three hours, they put forth a candidate for Vice President in the person of John W. as a candidate for the New York repown throat. He was removed to a hospital and recovered after a short while.

He is now in custody in Philadelphia, having been offered New York's end of an ew 16 to 1 silver platform resulting as follows:

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ex-Senator of apathy in the campaign of 1896 and Hill made a sharp and clever retort. An exciting disc followed, but Senator Hill was defeated

and left the room in anger.

Democratic, populist and silver republican leaders conferred at the Kanas City Club on Tuesday on the financial plank of the democratic platform and the democratic nominee for Vice President. An agreement was reached in favor of a specific plank for free sil-ver at 16 to 1 Differences developed on the vice presidency, the democratic conferees seeming averse to the nomi-nation of Charles A. Towne.

The silver republican national conention met at the Auditorium in Kan sas City yesterday. Charles A. Towne, chairman of that party's national com mittee, called it to order. After some speech-making and the appointment of a committee to confer with the democrats on the vice-presidency the convention adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

10-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

The Demogratic Convention. Kansas City, July 5.-The delegate were slow in arriving at Convention Hall this morning. Permanent Chair-man Richardson entered the hall at 10:34. Just as he appeared, with other members of the Tennessee delegation under the arch leading into the hall, the band struck up "Dixie," at which an ear piercing yell of applause was sent up by the crowd. As the delegates came in, the band played patri otic airs and the crowd applauded each

each one vigorously.
At 11:03 o'clock Chairman Richardson rapped for order. Prayer was offered by Bishop Glen-

ion, of the Kansas City diocese of the Roman Catholic Church. The bishop's prayer was short and at its conclusion the noise and confusion broke out afresh and caused Mr. Richardson to make an appeal for order.

Gov. Hogg, of Texas, was then invited to address the convention. Governor Hogg said he was anxious to see the report of the platform com mittee-to see whether the demo "Are we to dodge the issues of 1896? he asked. (Loud cries of no, no, and cheers.) Governor Hogg said he wanted this

convention to stand up against English iomination; he trusted the democratic party would be a party of principles rather than of makeshitts. "We want declaration against imperialism in our platform; against injunctions; and to the effect that the flag of our govern ment shall never be desecrated in any way," he said.

Gov. Hogg said there should be specific declaration for the unlimited free coinage of silver at 16 to 1. He then denounced what he called the "British gold standard." "Let us also have a declaration in favor of a tariff for revenue only" he said.

Mr. Dockery, democratic nominee for governor of Missouri, was next introduced. He severely denounced the expansion policy of the McKinley ad ministration. He said it was imperialism in its worst form. He was opposed to the gold standard and to the protective tariff because it was the mother of

Mayor Rose, of Milwaukee, was then introduced. A reference to Bryan provoked cheers. "Keep your eye on Wisconsin this year," he concluded. "The democrats in the State are carrying meat axes for the republicans in 1900 and dle aud fight for the man who is Jefferson personified."

Mayor Rose was loudly applauded as he concluded. As he sat down, the pent up desire of the crowd to hear from Hill broke out and loud calls for Hill went up from all parts of the hall. It was so persistent that the band was ordered to play it down. As soon as quiet could be restored, John E. Mc-Cullough, of Indiana, took the plat-form. McCullough said that the gains this year must come from the great States and he assured the convention that in Indiana the democrats were alive and awake to the iniquities of imperialism. (Cheers.) If a platform should be adopted on which stand, he promised that Indiana's electoral vote would be cast for Bryan and he Vice Presidential candidate that

would be nominated today.

George Fred Williams, of Massachusetts, was recognized to offer a resolution that a committee be appointed to confer with the silver republican and populist parties now gathered in Kanas City. There were some cries of ' no no," but the motion was adopted.

Congressman J. R. Williams, of Illinois, then addressed the convention. He said the democracy from one end of the land to the other could unite on the declaration of independence. They could unite in opposing imperialism and McKinleyism (cheers). They could be united on William J. Bryan, the greatest leader of modern times.

Gov. Beckham of Kentucky ther spoke and was given an ovation. He aid that he would only speak a word in behalf of the outraged and slandered democracy of Kentucky. If there was a stain upon Kentucky's escutcheon, it had been placed there by those who have not and never will vote the demoocratic ticket. In the November election Kentucky would be found safely in the democratic column.

Ex Representative Miles, of Maryland, said he did not agree with every dogma in the 1896 platform, but he loyally supported Bryan then and will support him again, because Bryan is the friend of the masses. He appealed to the delegates in the name of such doubtful States as New Jersey, New York and Indiana to act so that they could stand with such rock ribbed Gi braltars of democracy as Virginia, Louisian and Texas.
Chairman Richardson then an-

nounced that the platform committee would be ready to report at 3:30 this afternoon and the convention at 12:46

A Specific Silver Plank Inserted. Kansas City, Mo., July 5 .- At 4 o'clock this morning after ten hours of uninterrupted debate, the resolutions committee decided that a specific plank for 16 to 1 shall be inserted in the national democratic platform. The struggle sgainst it put up by the eastern and President in the person of John W. southern states was so powerful as to Kellar, commissioner of charities of give the plank advocates only two mathe city of New York. This was done jority, the vote standing 26 to 24, Monafter David B. Hill had been defeated tans and the District of Columbia not trenches had to be dug to divert the

The motion was put on the adoption

Oklahoma Territory, Indian Territory.

Nays-California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Iilinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oalo, Pennsylvanis, Rhode Island, South Dikota, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Alaska.

There will be a minority report to the convention against a specific declaration for 16 to 1 and it is expected the debate on the question will occupy nearly, if not quite, all of today's ses-sion. After the announcement a telegram was sent to Bryan announcing the

The fight which will go down in the history of national democracy as one of the most interesting and exciting ever day. A platform with a defined silver plank was read as having been pre-pared by Bryan himself. Gerrard, of Georgia, offered a substitute simply reaffirming the Chicago platform, and the struggle was on, which resulted as mentioned above.

There is no doubt that there will be a minority report against a 16 to 1 specific plank and one of the most bitter fights in the history of national convenions in this country is expected on the

loor of the convention. Delegates who favor a simple reaffirmation of the Chicago platform without a specific 16 to 1 plank are wrought up over the fact that the victory of the radical free silverites in the resolutions committee was won with the aid of the votes of territories. All the southern States, with the exception of South Carolina, warmly favored a conservative course. Delegates by the score said this morning that the result in committee was made possible by the union of forces that cannot furnish electoral The territories have none and he democrats do not figure upon carry ing any of the New England states Most of the members of the committee from the New England states are as rabid silver advocates as those from Colorado, Montana, Idaho, and Wyom-

All the last mentioned states put to gether have not as many electorial votes as Iudiana. As a delegate from Texas expressed it this morning: "The committee in order to ride a hobby seems to be trying to please a few small states and the territories, and throw away every chance the party has in Indiana, Illinois, Onio and New Jersey." The general opinion is that there is bound to be a fight in the convention over the piatform.

Richard Croker sent word to Senator Jones, chairman of the resolutions committee, this morning that New Yerk's 72 votes in the event of a fight would stand by the 16 to 1 plank.

The conservatives are threatening dire vengeance on Jones. They say national committee if they can. "We'll give them Tom Taggart, of Indianapolis, if possible" said Congressman Daly, of New Jersey.

The committee on resolutions met again at 10:30 s. m. and the sub-committee reported the platform. At noon a number of changes had been made. A fierce fight led by Daly of New Jersey was made to force a declaration on the main issue. This was done, Impe-rialism was declared to be the main issue. This has done much to encourage the conservatives and practically assures that there will be no minority report. "While the other issues are vital," edited platform will say, in effect, "the has been lost. At 12:45 the committee recessed until 3:30 when the platform

committee wili report. Congressman Ball, who represented Texas on the committee on resolutions, was called upon at a caucus of the lone star State delegation this morning to state Bryan's position on the silver question as it was disclosed to the com-

mittee. "His personal preference," said Mr. Ball, "is for a specific silver plank in addition to reaffirmation of the Chicago platform. The only official statement, nowever, that was made to the committee on behalf of Mr. Bryan, was that we should go ahead and make a platform of our consciences."

Daly of New Jersey is jubilant. He says 16 io 1 has lost its force and that imperialism beyond a doubt has been declared the paramount issue. The new platform reaffirms the principles of the Chicago platform, but beyond that s re-written in every plank, including, of course, the 16 to 1 plank.

Another Fire in New York Harbor

New York, July 5.-It was half an hour after midnight, in the midst of a brilliant electric storm, that the light ning struck and exploded twenty-three huge tanks of oil in the new works of the Standard Oil Co. at Constable Hook, N. J. The roar of the explosion was heard everywhere within a radius of fifteen miles. In New York and Brooklyn people thought it an earthquake The glare of the conflagration was so brilliant that a newspaper could be read on the Brooklyn bridge. Most all of the windows in Bayonne were smashed by the first explosion. The burning oil was scattered broad caet, and terrified persons rush-ed from their homes into the streets, which were as brilliantly lluminated as at midday. Within fifty yards of the exploded tanks was a hotel, used as a lodging house by Hungarians and Poles employed at the works. When the explosion came, they rushed pell mell out of the rear of the building, chased by the streams of burn-ing oil which flowed over and rapidly consumed the hotel. The oil from the exploded tanks swept down the hill on which the works are located. Explosions followed like he crash of artillery, as tank after tank was ignited by the fiery oil. Down to the water's edge it went, spreading the circle of fire. Nothing could stay its progress. Even the water was no obstacle, and from the burning piers, which a little while refore had been crowded with shipping, it floated out into the bay. Meanwhile tugs dragged out fifty vessels which were lying at the company's piers. Great booms of logs were thrown out in a semi-circle to prevent the burning liquid from flowing unrestrained over the waters and carrying destruction to shipping down the bay. The Bayonne fi e department made an meffectual fight against the burning fluid. Water was of no avail, and streams of burning oil from attacking property outside of the oil yards. The

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION.

| Can't humiliate me on one proposition venture of the control of the contro At one o'clock the fire was and raging fiercely, bu it looked as f it would be confined to the new portion of the works, where it originated. The trenches bactily dug during the night, it is believed, will save the old works, where the refinaries are located. On men say the fire will burn for many hours as it has thousands of barrels of oil to feed upon. The loss is variously estimated at from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,-

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London, July 5 .- No encouraging news comes from China unless it be dispatches to the effect that the British legation was besieged on July 1 and therefore apparently had not fallen and that on June 27, 15,000 Chinese who attacked the legation, were re-pulsed with heavy loss. On the other hand, reports of annihilation of all the foreigners in Pekin continue to arrive, the latest confirmation of the story coming from three Chinese servants who managed to escape from Pe-

A Chefoo dispatch today says that in view of the imminence of the raley season, it is feared that no advance on Pekin will be possible before the au-tumn. The hope that Japan would send an army sufficient at least to force a way to Pekin, has dwindled away. Russia has interposed objection to the Russia has interposed objection to the landing of a Japanese army in China and the powers appear to be unable to rise above the politics in the situation and deal sharply with the emergency. Reports that the Emperor of China has committed suicide and that the Empress is insane are received simultane ously with accounts of warlike edicts issued by the latter. Fighting has een going on at Tientsin for over a week. With the hordes of Chinese now marching on Tientsin the situstion there will probably soon become as critical as that of the foreigners at Pe-

London, July 5 .- A Dalziell dispatch

London, July 5.—A Dalziell dispatch from Shanghai, dated July 4, says that the British legation at Pekin and 1,600 refugees there are still safe.

Shanghai, China, July 5.—The official German paper here confirms the report of the Emperor's death. According to the statement of two Manchus who arrived here yesterday. Prince Tuan gave Kwang Su the choice of opium or the sword with which to end his life. He chose the former and died within an hou

in the pslace.
Shanghai, July 5—The viceroy of Canton (Li Hung Chang) has sent 5,000 roops to Bogue fort to preserve order. Li Hung Change has issued a proclamation imposing a head tax on the Chinese for the defeuse of the cities of the province against the insurrectionists. The taxation, it is believed, will

Funeral of Hoboken Fire Victims. New York, July 5 .- The total number of bodies taken from the river at Haooken and from the wrecked steamer Saale has reached a total of 130. Thirtyseven bodies were found yesterday and one has been picked up in the river so far today. The body found today is that of a woman, well dressed, and showing evidences of refinement. Seventy of the victims were buried this morning in Flower Hill cemetery, Hoboken. The bodies were loaded on hearses, and when these gave out, on trucks draped with crape and the German and American flags. A brass band led the procession to the cemetery, while a number of fraternal societies, also with bands, marched in the rear of the hearses and trucks. Thousands of persons viewed the great funeral cortege, as it passed through the streets on its way to the graves. Business was a most entirely axes for the republicans in 1900 and axes for the republic." Daly, of with Bryan they will remain in the sade existence of the republic." Daly, of dle and fight for the man who is Jefdraped with crape and everywhere flags were flying at half mast.

Foreign News.

Vienna, July 5.—Fierce thurder storms prevailed in Bohemia and Mo-ravia all of yesterday. Many persons were killed. At Grasslitz, in Bohemia, the storm was accompanied by shocks of earthquake.

London, July 5.—General Buller wires to-day from Standerton that General Clery, ad-vancing north from Graylingstad and General Hart advancing from Heidelburg, have form-ed a junction at Zuckersborch on the railroad. ed a junction at Zuckersborch on the railroad.

Roberts is thus in direct touch with Buller.

Lopdon, June 5 — A dispatch from Yokehama says that Marquis Ito, Japanese War statesman, is forming a new political party with the object of constructing a new cabinet.

Newmarket, July 5—The race for the Princess of Wales cup of 1,000 sovereigns here today was won by J. Beiff on Merry Gal.

The Prince of Wales Derby winner. Jubilee.

The Prince of Wales Derby winner, Jubilee, was second and Caiman, ridden by L Reiff, was third.

Manila, July 5.—In a fight with Ladrones, near Delta Rio Grande yesterday, three Americans were killed and two wounded. The enemy lost 12 killed.

Chicago, July 5.—The market closed as follows: Wheat—Aug SO34*SO45 Georgetown, July 5.—Wheat 75*SO

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

pincott died at his residence in Jersey City, N. J., this morning. By the use of fire arms, toy cannon giant crackers, and other forms of explosives, thirty persons were killed and 1 325 injured in yesterdays Fouth of July celebration in various cities.

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